

threatening regional security as well as our own national security.

Iran's actions regarding its nuclear program have been highly troublesome. Investigations conducted by the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA, have revealed that Iran has been in violation of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty time and time again. In 2003, Iran confirmed that there are sites in the cities of Natanz and Arak that are under construction. But Iran insisted that these sites, like Bushehr, are designed to provide fuel for future power plants and nothing else.

Subsequent actions, however, have led us to believe otherwise. Stemming from the most recent IAEA report, experts believe that, with further enrichment of its existing stockpile of uranium, Iran already has enough raw material to make two or three nuclear weapons. Even though having the raw material is different from having an actual weapon, Ahmedinejad's belligerent and hostile actions create an atmosphere dangerous to U.S. national security.

Iran also has a horrific human rights abuse record. On December 26, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution denouncing the serious human rights abuses occurring in Iran.

The resolution included torture, cruel and degrading treatment in detention, the targeting of human rights defenders, violence against women, and "the systematic and serious restrictions on freedom of peaceful assembly" as well as severe restrictions on the rights to "freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief."

The Iranian regime's treatment of women is particularly heinous. Prominent human rights activist Shirin Ebadi, the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, has faced intensified persecution from the Iranian government for her courageous activism and efforts to promote women's rights in Iran.

On 21 December 2008, dozens of government agents carried out a raid on the Defenders of Human Rights Center, run by Ms. Ebadi. The Center provides legal assistance to victims of human rights violations.

The raid on the Center occurred hours before they were planning on holding an event there to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Center staff members and guests were harassed and intimidated and the center was forcibly closed. Later, officials identifying themselves as tax inspectors came to the Center to remove documents and computers, despite Ms. Ebadi's protests that they contained protected lawyer-client information. Ms. Ebadi has repeatedly been subjected to threats and intimidation for the work she does. Occurrences like this must stop.

The United States' relations with Iran have been volatile and tumultuous for almost 60 years. We are engaging with a hostile regime that has not demonstrated a desire to compromise or an ability to admit to its wrongdoings. Our focus now is to address the security concerns in the region.

The provisions put forth in this bill are vital to ensuring our nation's security interests. Those who govern Iran must be held accountable for its actions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 568, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2072. An act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WEST) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

#### PERMISSION TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON H.R. 4310, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

Mr. BARTLETT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to file a supplemental report on the bill, H.R. 4310.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 365, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 3874, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 205, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

#### NATIONAL BLUE ALERT ACT OF 2012

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the mo-

tion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 365) to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 394, nays 1, not voting 36, as follows:

[Roll No. 250]

#### YEAS—394

Adams	Connolly (VA)	Hahn
Aderholt	Cooper	Hall
Akin	Costa	Hanabusa
Alexander	Costello	Hanna
Altmire	Courtney	Harper
Amodei	Cravaack	Harris
Andrews	Crenshaw	Hartzler
Austria	Critz	Hastings (FL)
Baca	Crowley	Hastings (WA)
Bachmann	Cuellar	Hayworth
Bachus	Culberson	Heck
Baldwin	Cummings	Heinrich
Barletta	Davis (CA)	Hensarling
Barrow	Davis (IL)	Herger
Bartlett	Davis (KY)	Herrera Beutler
Barton (TX)	DeFazio	Higgins
Bass (CA)	DeGette	Himes
Bass (NH)	DeLauro	Hinojosa
Becerra	Denham	Hirono
Benishek	Dent	Hochul
Berg	DesJarlais	Holden
Berkley	Deutch	Holt
Berman	Diaz-Balart	Honda
Biggert	Dicks	Hoyer
Bilbray	Dingell	Huelskamp
Billirakis	Doggett	Huizenga (MI)
Bishop (GA)	Donnelly (IN)	Hultgren
Bishop (NY)	Doyle	Hunter
Bishop (UT)	Dreier	Hurt
Black	Duffy	Israel
Blackburn	Duncan (SC)	Issa
Blumenauer	Duncan (TN)	Jackson (IL)
Bonamici	Edwards	Jackson Lee
Bonner	Ellison	(TX)
Bono Mack	Ellmers	Jenkins
Boren	Emerson	Johnson (GA)
Boswell	Engel	Johnson (OH)
Brady (PA)	Eshoo	Johnson, E. B.
Brady (TX)	Farenthold	Johnson, Sam
Brooks	Farr	Jones
Broun (GA)	Fattah	Jordan
Buchanan	Fitzpatrick	Kaptur
Bucshon	Fleischmann	Keating
Buerkle	Fleming	Kelly
Burgess	Forbes	Kildee
Burton (IN)	Fortenberry	Kind
Butterfield	Fox	King (IA)
Calvert	Frelinghuysen	King (NY)
Camp	Gallegly	Kingston
Canseco	Garamendi	Kinzing (IL)
Cantor	Gardner	Kissell
Capito	Garrett	Kline
Capps	Gerlach	Kucinich
Capuano	Gibbs	Lamborn
Carnahan	Gibson	Lance
Carney	Gingrey (GA)	Lankford
Carson (IN)	Gohmert	Larsen (WA)
Carter	Gonzalez	Larson (CT)
Castor (FL)	Goodlatte	Latham
Chabot	Gosar	LaTourette
Chaffetz	Gowdy	Latta
Chandler	Granger	Lee (CA)
Chu	Graves (GA)	Levin
Cicilline	Graves (MO)	Lewis (CA)
Clarke (MI)	Green, Al	Lewis (GA)
Clarke (NY)	Green, Gene	Lipinski
Clay	Griffin (AR)	LoBiondo
Cleaver	Griffith (VA)	Loebach
Clyburn	Grijalva	Lofgren, Zoe
Coble	Grimm	Long
Coffman (CO)	Guinta	Lowe
Cole	Guthrie	Lucas
Conaway	Gutierrez	Lujan